

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

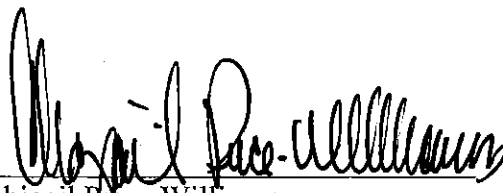
DATE: November 1, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor to provide a report evaluating the extent to which Miami-Dade County First Responders, including both Police and Fire Rescue personnel, are currently carrying naloxone or similar medication to help combat opioid and heroin overdoses and determining the fiscal impact of implementing a County policy requiring first responders to do so; urging municipalities within Miami-Dade County to consider setting and implementing a policy requiring all municipal first responders to carry naloxone or similar medication if available; and urging the Florida Governor, Legislature, and State Surgeon General to issue a statewide standing order allowing naloxone to be dispensed by designated pharmacies in Florida without the need for an individual prescription

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Senator Javier D. Souto and Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT EVALUATING THE EXTENT TO WHICH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS, INCLUDING BOTH POLICE AND FIRE RESCUE PERSONNEL, ARE CURRENTLY CARRYING NALOXONE OR SIMILAR MEDICATION TO HELP COMBAT OPIOID AND HEROIN OVERDOSES AND DETERMINING THE FISCAL IMPACT OF IMPLEMENTING A COUNTY POLICY REQUIRING FIRST RESPONDERS TO DO SO; URGING MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO CONSIDER SETTING AND IMPLEMENTING A POLICY REQUIRING ALL MUNICIPAL FIRST RESPONDERS TO CARRY NALOXONE OR SIMILAR MEDICATION IF AVAILABLE; AND URGING THE FLORIDA GOVERNOR, LEGISLATURE, AND STATE SURGEON GENERAL TO ISSUE A STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER ALLOWING NALOXONE TO BE DISPENSED BY DESIGNATED PHARMACIES IN FLORIDA WITHOUT THE NEED FOR AN INDIVIDUAL PRESCRIPTION

WHEREAS, this Board is committed to providing the best possible emergency support services to residents of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Florida has the 11th highest drug overdose mortality rate in the nation with the number of drug overdose deaths in the state doubling since 1999; and

WHEREAS, among people aged 25 to 64 years old, drug overdoses have caused more deaths than motor vehicle crashes; and

WHEREAS, overdoses related to opioids and illegal heroin have become a leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Naloxone, a drug approved by the FDA in 1971, has been used as an opioid and heroin overdose-reversal drug responsible for saving over 10,000 lives; and

WHEREAS, Naloxone normalizes breathing by blocking opioids from receptors in the brain thereby reversing the respiratory effects of an overdose due to heroin, morphine, or prescription pain relievers; and

WHEREAS, Naloxone, which is sold at pharmacies as Narcan, is readily available as a nasal spray which can be carried and easily administered by police officers, emergency medical responders, and fire rescue personnel alike; and

WHEREAS, over 29 states and the District of Columbia have implemented laws to provide for easier administration and access to naloxone for emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Florida passed the Emergency Treatment and Recovery Act (“ETRA”), Florida Statutes Section 381.887, which allows certain health care practitioners to prescribe and dispense naloxone to third parties such as the family, friend, or others in contact with someone at risk for an overdose; and

WHEREAS, the ETRA also allows pharmacists to dispense naloxone pursuant to a non-patient-specific standing order received from an authorized health care practitioner; and

WHEREAS, the ETRA also provides civil and criminal immunity from liability to people who prescribe, dispense, or administer naloxone; and

WHEREAS, CVS pharmacies now stock naloxone in all 878 Florida locations; and

WHEREAS, several state Governors and Physician Generals have also issued statewide “standing orders” which provide that naloxone may be distributed by designated pharmacists without the need for a physician’s prescription in order to increase the availability of the drug to those most in need; and

WHEREAS, all County fire rescue personnel currently carry either an injectable or intranasal version of naloxone to help combat potential opioid overdoses; and

WHEREAS, this Board has long supported measures which will enhance the livelihood of County residents and promote our general welfare,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or the Mayor's designee to prepare and submit a report to this Board, which shall, at a minimum: (1) identify the extent to which Miami-Dade County first responders, including both Police and Fire Rescue personnel, are currently carrying Naloxone or similar medication to help combat opioid and heroin overdoses; (2) evaluate the feasibility of a County policy requiring both Police and Fire Rescue personnel to carry Naloxone or similar medication; (3) include details regarding the fiscal impact, if any, of implementing such a policy; and (4) identify any funding sources to fund the implementation of such a policy, if needed. The County Mayor or Mayor's designee shall provide the report to this Board within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution and shall place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

Section 2. Urges municipalities within Miami-Dade County to consider setting and implementing a policy requiring all municipal first responders to carry naloxone or similar medication if available.

Section 3. Urges Florida Governor Rick Scott, the Florida Legislature, and State Surgeon General Dr. Celeste Philip to issue a statewide standing order allowing naloxone to be dispensed by designated pharmacies in Florida without the need for an individual prescription.

Section 4. Directs the Clerk of this Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, State Surgeon General, the Mayor and/or City Manager of each municipality in Miami-Dade County, and the President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

Section 5. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issues raised in Section 3 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2016 state legislative package to include this item and to include this item in the 2017 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Senator Javier D. Souto and Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.

It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

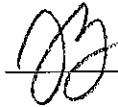
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of November, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Javier Zapata